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**Re: App. No. 10/722,314**

**Per today's telephone conversation, attached please find page 10 of the January 2005 Amendment.**

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lower limit. The upper limit is 25% below the temperature value stated in Shih and the lower limit is even further from the temperature value in Shih. Furthermore, each of the limits is linked to particular performance/results reasons discussed in the specification excerpt above. These reasons for selection of the upper and lower limits appear not to even be mentioned in Shih. As such, there is no support for the assertion in the Office Action that these recitations merely relate to "results effective variables whose values are known to effect both the rate, and the quality of the soft baking process." Office Action, p.5. The Office Action does not even specify what the known "effect" on "quality" is that renders these recitations obvious in light of Shih. Accordingly, the rejections of independent Claims 1, 18 and 32 and the claims that depend therefrom should be withdrawn for at least these reasons.

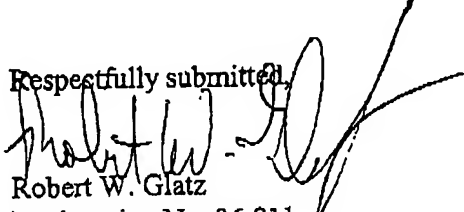
#### The Dependent Claims:

The dependent claims are patentable at least based on the patentability of the independent claims from which they depend as discussed above. In addition, various of the dependent claims are also separately patentable. For example, newly added dependent Claims 38 and 39, depending from independent Claims 15 and 31, respectively, recite a soft baking temperature range corresponding to that discussed above with reference to independent Claims 1, 18 and 32. Accordingly, Claims 38 and 39 are separately patentable at least for substantially the same reasons as discussed above with reference to independent Claims 1, 18 and 32.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons discussed above, the references cited in the present rejections do not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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